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## State of Misconsin 1999 - 2000 LEGISLATURE

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1999 BILL



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24	bus, motorcycle, moped or motor bicycle.

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3	more persons and equipment to play the game of golf in an area designated as a golf
4	course.
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10	include a golf cart or motor truck.
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12	341.067 Registration of special vehicles. The department shall register a
13	specially designed vehicle which is authorized for operation by a person holding a
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17	341.25 (title) Annual and biennial registration fees; biennial
18	motorcycle fees.
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21	or less, except a specially designed vehicle under s. 341.067, which is designed for the
22	transportation of persons rather than property, and for each low-speed vehicle, a
23	biennial fee of \$23. Registration plates issued under this paragraph expire on April
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341.31 (1) (b) 5. The vehicle is a motorcycle which or low-speed vehicle that has been transferred or leased to the applicant and for which a current registration plates plate had been issued to the previous owner; or

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341.31 (4) (c) A person retaining a set of plates plate removed from a motorcycle or low-speed vehicle may receive credit for the unused portion of the registration fee paid when registering a replacement motorcycle vehicle of the same type.

SECTION 19. 342.15 (4) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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(2) (a) A restricted license issued pursuant to this section is valid only until the licensee secures an operator's license issued pursuant to s. 343.03 or reaches 18 years of age and, except as provided in par. (b), entitles the licensee to operate an automobile, farm truck, dual purpose farm truck, low-speed vehicle. Type 1 motorcycle powered with an engine of not more than 125 cubic centimeters displacement, Type 2 motorcycle, moped or motor bicycle owned and registered by the licensee's parent or guardian or a farm truck leased to the licensee's parent or guardian or any combination of these vehicles, depending on the restrictions placed by the department on the particular license.

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5	bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle and no person operating a low-speed vehicle,
6	moped or motor bicycle may go upon any expressway or freeway when official signs
7	have been erected prohibiting such person from using the expressway or freeway
8	have been erected as provided in s. 349.105.
9	SECTION 24. 346.94 (18) of the statutes is created to read:
10	346.94 (18) Low-speed vehicles on Roadway. (a) Subject to s. 349.237, a person
11,	may operate a low-speed vehicle upon any roadway that is under the jurisdiction of
12	a local authority and that has a speed limit of for less miles per hour.
13	(b) No person may operate a low-speed vehicle upon any highway that has a
15	speed limit of more than miles per hour. Except at crossings authorized under s.  And at intersections where traffic is controlled by su official traffic controlled by such as the superior traffic controlled by superi
16	or connecting highway. This paragraph does not apply to vehicles registered under
17	s. 341.26 (2m) or vehicles exempted from this paragraph by the department by rule.
18	SECTION 25. 346.95 (8) of the statutes is created to read:
19	346.95 (8) Any person violating s. 346.94 (18) may be required to forfeit not less
20	than \$30 nor more than \$300.
21	SECTION 26. 347.02 (8) of the statutes is created to read:
22	347.02 (8) Notwithstanding the requirements of this chapter, the department
23	may, by rule, establish for low-speed vehicles special equipment standards that
24	differ from the equipment standards established under this chapter. Special
25	equipment standards established under this subsection shall be identical to the

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federal standards established in 49 CFR 571.500, except that the department may establish additional standards for equipment not required under 49 CFR 571.500.

**Section 27.** 349.06 (4) of the statutes is created to read:

349.06 (4) Any municipality or county may enact and enforce an ordinance that regulates the equipment of a low-speed vehicle if the ordinance strictly conforms to rules promulgated under s. 347.02 (8). An ordinance that incorporates by reference existing and future amendments of rules promulgated under s. 347.02 (8) shall be considered to be in strict conformity and not contrary to or inconsistent with s. 347.02 (8) and rules promulgated under that subsection.

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highway that is not a controlled-access highway. A municipality or county may erect official signs or mark a crossing designated under this subsection only as directed by the department.

SECTION 30. 779.41 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

779.41 (2) Every keeper of a garage or repair shop who alters, repairs or does any work on any detached accessory, fitting or part of an automobile, truck, motorcycle, moped, low-speed vehicle, motor bicycle or similar motor vehicle or bicycle at the request of the owner or legal possessor thereof, shall have a lien upon and may retain possession of any such accessory, fitting or part until the charges for such alteration, repairing or other work have been paid. If the detached article becomes attached to such motor vehicle or bicycle while in the possession of the keeper, the keeper has a lien on the motor vehicle or bicycle under sub. (1).

#### SECTION 31. Effective dates.

(1) This act takes effect on the day after publication.

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## MEMORANDUM

August 18, 1999

TO: Paul Nilsen

Legislative Reference Bureau

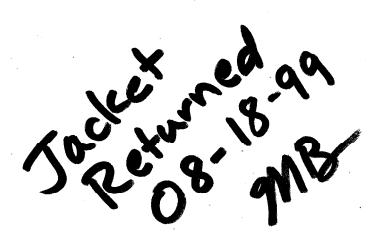
100 North Hamilton; Fifth Floor

FR: Vaughn L. Vance for

Senator Roger Breske

RE: LRB-0890 Low Speed Vehicles

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October 11, 1999

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#### Nilsen, Paul

From:

Vance, Vaughn

Sent:

Monday, October 11, 1999 11:18 AM

To: Subject: Nilsen, Paul FW: LSV

Paul:

The substance of Carson's message below accurately reflects a compromise that Roger would like to have drafted in place of our last draft, LRB-0890. I am returning to LRB the jacket for the previous bill.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

VAUGHN L. VANCE for Senator Roger Breske

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From:

Frazier, Carson

Sent:

Monday, October 11, 1999 10:44 AM

To:

Vance, Vaughn

Cc:

Cook, Robert; Kernats, Mike; Gertsch, Martha; Niva, Gregory

Subject:

RE: LSV

Hi, VAughn, I just got back into the office and saw your note. If I understand your note below, what the bill will say is: limit operation to local streets of posted speed limits of up to 25 mph; locals can further restrict or prohibit (this is want we had originally proposed); and also, (this is the new language) locals may designate other local streets of posted speed limits up to 35 mph if they wish to affirmatively do so by ordinance....just want to be sure we're talking the same language here, and that I conveyed our position clearly enough the other day.

If this is what the bill says, you are correct we will not oppose it, and of course we will be extremely supportive of the bill as a whole. I will probably say in testimony that DOT believes for maximum safety these vehicles should stay on the lower-speed streets, but we recognize that local communitites may wish to allow them on selected other streets up to 35 mph.

Thank you very much for your help on this issue, for Roger's sponsorship of the bill, and for your understanding of where DOT is coming from.

----Original Message-----

From:

Vance, Vaughn

Sent:

Thursday, September 30, 1999 1:46 PM

To:

Frazier, Carson

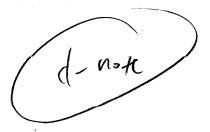
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Just a note to let you know that I will resubmit the LSV jackets and request that the 25mph language be reinstated with a local opt-out provision that grants local authority to increase to 35mph. Based upon our last conversation, I expect that (while not your pie in the sky) that you will not overtly oppose it.

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1	340.01 (4) (a) Type 1 is a motor vehicle designed and used primarily for carrying
2	persons but which does not come within the definition of a low-speed vehicle, motor
3	bus, motorcycle, moped or motor bicycle.
4	SECTION 11. 340.01 (19d) of the statutes is created to read:
5	340.01 (19d) "Golf cart" means a vehicle, whose speed attainable in one mile
6	does not exceed 20 miles per hour on a paved, level surface, used to convey one or
7	more persons and equipment to play the game of golf in an area designated as a golf
8	course.
9	SECTION 12. 340.01 (27m) of the statutes is created to read:
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11	manufactured to meet the equipment standards under 49 CFR 571.500 and whose
12	maximum speed attainable in 1 mile is more than 20 miles per hour but not more
13	than 25 miles per hour on a paved, level surface. "Low-speed vehicle" does not
14	include a golf cart or motor truck.
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16	341.067 Registration of special vehicles. The department shall register a
17	specially designed vehicle which is authorized for operation by a person holding a
18	special restricted operator's license under s. 343.135 if the special vehicle meets the
19	equipment standards established under s. 347.02 (6) or (8).
20	SECTION 14. 341.25 (title) of the statutes is amended to read:
21	341.25 (title) Annual and biennial registration fees; biennial
22	motorcycle fees.
23	SECTION 15. 341.25 (1) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:
24	341.25 (1) (b) For each motorcycle or moped with a curb weight of 1,499 pounds
25	or less, except a specially designed vehicle under s. 341.067, which is designed for the

transportation of persons rather than property, and for each low-speed vehicle, a
biennial fee of \$23. Registration plates issued under this paragraph expire on April
30 of even-numbered years.

**SECTION 16.** 341.297 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

341.297 (1) A motorcycle er, moped or low-speed vehicle, as specified in s. 341.25 (1) (b). The registration period for a motorcycle er, moped or low-speed vehicle begins on May 1 of an even-numbered year and ends on April 30 of the next even-numbered year.

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SECTION 21. 343.08 (1) (a) and (2) (a) of the statutes are amended to read:

343.08 (1) (a) The department must be satisfied that it is necessary for the applicant to operate an automobile, farm truck, dual purpose farm truck, low—speed vehicle, Type 1 motorcycle powered with an engine of not more than 125 cubic centimeters displacement, Type 2 motorcycle, moped or motor bicycle owned and registered by the applicant's parent or guardian or a farm truck leased to the applicant's parent or guardian.

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2	the licensee's parent or guardian or a farm truck leased to the licensee's parent or
3	guardian or any combination of these vehicles, depending on the restrictions placed
4	by the department on the particular license.
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6	343.135 (2) (a) 1m. Low-speed vehicles; or
7	SECTION 23. 346.16 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:
8	346.16 (2) (a) Except as provided in par. (b), no pedestrian or person riding a
9	bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle and no person operating a <u>low-speed vehicle</u> ,
10	moped or motor bicycle may go upon any expressway or freeway when official signs
11	have been erected prohibiting such person from using the expressway or freeway
12	have been erected as provided in s. 349.105.
13	SECTION 24. 346.94 (18) of the statutes is created to read:
14	346.94 (18) LOW-SPEED VEHICLES ON ROADWAY. (a) Subject to s. 349.237, a person
15	may operate a low-speed vehicle upon any roadway that is under the jurisdiction of
<b>(16)</b>	a local authority and that has a speed limit of for less miles per hour.
17	(b) No person may operate a low-speed vehicle upon any highway that has a
18	speed limit of more than miles per hour. Except at crossings authorized under s.
19	349.237 (2), and at intersections where traffic is controlled by an official traffic
20	control device, no person may operate a low-speed vehicle upon a state trunk
21	highway or connecting highway. This paragraph does not apply to vehicles
22	registered under s. 341.26 (2m) or vehicles exempted from this paragraph by the

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347.02 (8) Notwithstanding the requirements of this chapter, the department may, by rule, establish for low-speed vehicles special equipment standards that differ from the equipment standards established under this chapter. Special equipment standards established under this subsection shall be identical to the federal standards established in 49 CFR 571.500, except that the department may establish additional standards for equipment not required under 49 CFR 571.500.

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349.06 (4) Any municipality or county may enact and enforce an ordinance that regulates the equipment of a low-speed vehicle if the ordinance strictly conforms to rules promulgated under s. 347.02 (8). An ordinance that incorporates by reference existing and future amendments of rules promulgated under s. 347.02 (8) shall be considered to be in strict conformity and not contrary to or inconsistent with s. 347.02 (8) and rules promulgated under that subsection.

**Section 28.** 349.105 of the statutes is amended to read:

349.105 Authority to prohibit certain traffic on expressways and freeways. The authority in charge of maintenance of an expressway or freeway may, by order, ordinance or resolution, prohibit the use of such expressway or freeway by pedestrians, persons riding bicycles or other nonmotorized traffic or by persons operating low—speed vehicles, mopeds or motor bicycles. The state or local authority adopting any such prohibitory regulation shall erect and maintain official signs giving notice thereof on the expressway or freeway to which such prohibition applies.

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(2) The governing body of a municipality or county may by ordinance designate locations for low-speed vehicles to cross a state trunk highway or connecting highway that is not a controlled-access highway. A municipality or county may erect official signs or mark a crossing designated under this subsection only as directed by the department.

**SECTION 30.** 779.41 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

779.41 (2) Every keeper of a garage or repair shop who alters, repairs or does any work on any detached accessory, fitting or part of an automobile, truck, motorcycle, moped, <u>low-speed vehicle</u>, motor bicycle or similar motor vehicle or bicycle at the request of the owner or legal possessor thereof, shall have a lien upon and may retain possession of any such accessory, fitting or part until the charges for such alteration, repairing or other work have been paid. If the detached article becomes attached to such motor vehicle or bicycle while in the possession of the keeper, the keeper has a lien on the motor vehicle or bicycle under sub. (1).

#### SECTION 31. Effective dates.

(1) This act takes effect on the day after publication.

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## DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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October 28, 1999

#### Senator Breske:

This draft reduces 35 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour at proposed ss. 346.94 (18) (a) and (b) and 349.237 (1). This draft does not change the locally controlled intersection language at proposed s. 346.94 (18) (b).

Paul E. Nilsen Legislative Attorney Phone: (608) 261–6926

#### Nilsen, Paul

From:

Kernats, Mike

Sent:

Monday, November 01, 1999 3:03 PM

To:

Frazier, Carson; Vance, Vaughn

Cc:

Cook, Robert; Nilsen, Paul

Subject:

RE: low speed vehicle drdaft

I agree that Carson's suggestion is needed to allow municipalities to authorize LSVs to travel on 35 mph roads within the municipality's jurisdiction. You would also have to modify section 24 of the draft (page 8, lines 14-16).

----Original Message-----

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Frazier, Carson

Sent:

Monday, November 01, 1999 2:26 PM

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Vance, Vaughn

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Kernats, Mike; Cook, Robert

Subject:

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Vaughn: I just got the LRB0890/4 on low speed vehicles, unfortunately it doesn't do exactly what we'd agreed on....this draft takes the speed back to 25 mph, and it has the ability of a municipality to restrict operation on 25-mph streets....but it does not have the local authority to designate streets up to 35 mph. I think the drafter would just have to add, on page 10, after line 10, a third paragraph in S349 237 that also allows governing body by ordinance to designate roadways in its jurisdiction of posted speed limits up to 35 mph. see what you think? thanks.

#### Nilsen, Paul

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Vance, Vaughn

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Monday, November 01, 1999 3:46 PM

To: Cc: Nilsen, Paul Frazier, Carson

Subject:

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Paul:

Could you take another look at this draft to ensure that the agreement clarified below is incorporated into the language.

Thanks.

VAUGHN L. VANCE for Sonator Roger Breske

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# 1999 SENATE BILL

AN ACT to amend 70.112 (5), 194.01 (7), 218.01 (1) (n) 2., 218.01 (2) (bb) 1., 218.01 (2d) (c), 218.015 (2) (b) 2. b., 285.30 (5) (c), 340.01 (4) (a), 341.067, 341.25 (title), 341.25 (1) (b), 341.297 (1), 341.31 (1) (b) 5., 341.31 (4) (c), 342.15 (4) (a), 342.34 (1) (c), 343.08 (1) (a) and (2) (a), 346.16 (2) (a), 349.105 and 779.41 (2); and to create 218.01 (1) (km), 285.30 (5) (j), 340.01 (19d), 340.01 (27m), 343.135 (2) (a) 1m., 346.94 (18), 346.95 (8), 347.02 (8), 349.06 (4) and 349.237 of the statutes; relating to: low-speed vehicles, granting rule-making authority and providing a penalty.

## Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill creates a new classification of motor vehicle called a "low-speed vehicle". A low-speed vehicle is a four-wheeled motor vehicle that attains top speeds of not less than 20 miles per hour nor more than 25 miles per hour. The bill generally makes low-speed vehicles subject to the same regulations applicable to other motor vehicles, including the following:

1. Requires low-speed vehicles to be originally manufactured to meet federal

equipment standards.

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2. Subjects dealers, distributors, manufacturers and transporters of low-speed vehicles to the same regulations that apply to dealers, distributors, manufacturers

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and transporters of motorcycles. Such regulations include requiring business and occupational licensing, imputing liability for certain misconduct of employes and providing specific consumer protections, such as warranties, remedies and disclosure requirements.

3. Exempts low-speed vehicles from this state's property tax.

- 4. Requires low-speed vehicles to be registered with the department of transportation (DOT) for a fee of \$23 biennially, the same period and fee that apply to motorcycles, and requires the display of a registration plate and valid proof of registration. Ownership of and interests in low-speed vehicles is evidenced only by a certificate of title, like other motor vehicles.
- 5. Classifies low-speed vehicles as "Class D" vehicles which, like automobiles and other "Class D" vehicles, may not be operated unless the operator possesses a valid operator's license or instruction permit to operate "Class D" vehicles.
- 6. Requires the operators of low-speed vehicles to observe the rules of the road, including this state's implied consent law, and subjects violators of those rules to the same penalties as those that apply to violations committed while operating other motor vehicles, including the assessment of demerit points and the imposition of fines, forfeitures and terms of imprisonment.
  - 7. Makes low-speed vehicles subject to mechanics' liens.

However, because low-speed vehicles are smaller, lighter and slower moving than most other motor vehicles, the bill treats low-speed vehicles differently from most other motor vehicles in the following respects:

1. Low-speed vehicles, other than those publicly owned and operated, are restricted to highways having a speed limit 25 or less miles per hour. Local highway authorities may further regulate or restrict their operation.

2. Low-speed vehicles are prohibited from operating on state trunk highways and connecting highways, even where the applicable speed limit is 25 or less miles per hour. However, the sell allows low-speed vehicles to MO

A prove speed webicles may cross state trunk highways or connecting highways at officially designated crossings and at intersections where traffic is controlled by an official traffic control sign, signal, marking or other device.

The bill makes low—speed vehicles eligible for registration by DOT as a specially designed vehicle if the vehicle meets special equipment standards. Under current law, a person who does not possess or is ineligible for a regular operator's license may be issued a special restricted operator's license, which authorizes the operation of only motor bicycles, mopeds or specially designed vehicles and may further restrict such operation as DOT determines is necessary, for example, to preserve the safety of the operator and the public.

Finally, the bill categorically exempts low-speed vehicles from motor vehicle emission limitations and testing.

may authorize their operation on highways having speed limits of 35 miles or less per how.

For further information see the **state and local** fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

### The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1	SECTION 1. 70.112 (5) of the statutes is amended to read:
2	70.112 (5) Motor vehicles, bicycles, snowmobiles. Every automobile,
3	low-speed vehicle, motor bicycle, motor bus, motorcycle, motor truck, moped, road
4	tractor, school bus, snowmobile, station wagon, truck tractor, or other similar motor
5	vehicle, or trailer or semitrailer used in connection therewith.
6	SECTION 2. 194.01 (7) of the statutes is amended to read:
7	194.01 (7) "Motor vehicle" means any automobile, truck, trailer, semitrailer,
8	tractor, motor bus or any self-propelled or motor driven vehicle, except a <u>low-speed</u>
9	vehicle, motorcycle, moped, motor bicycle or a vehicle operated on rails.
10	SECTION 3. 218.01 (1) (km) of the statutes is created to read:
11	218.01 (1) (km) "Low-speed vehicle" has the meaning given in s. $340.01$ (27m).
12	SECTION 4. 218.01 (1) (n) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:
13	218.01 (1) (n) 2. Is engaged wholly or in part in the business of selling or leasing
14	motor vehicles, including motorcycles and low-speed vehicles, whether or not such
15	motor vehicles are owned by such person, firm or corporation.
16	SECTION 5. 218.01 (2) (bb) 1. of the statutes is amended to read:
17	218.01 (2) (bb) 1. A motor vehicle dealer or an applicant for a motor vehicle
18	dealer license shall provide and maintain in force a bond or irrevocable letter of credit
19	of not less than \$25,000 or, if the dealer or applicant sells or proposes to sell
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shall be executed in the name of the department of transportation for the benefit of any person who sustains a loss because of an act of a motor vehicle dealer that constitutes grounds for the suspension or revocation of a license under this section.

**SECTION 6.** 218.01 (2d) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

218.01 (2d) (c) This subsection does not apply to motorcycles or low-speed vehicles that are delivered in a crated, disassembled condition to the dealer or the dealer's agent.

SECTION 7. 218.015 (2) (b) 2. b. of the statutes is amended to read:

218.015 (2) (b) 2. b. Accept return of the motor vehicle and refund to the consumer and to any holder of a perfected security interest in the consumer's motor vehicle, as their interest may appear, the full purchase price plus any sales tax, finance charge, amount paid by the consumer at the point of sale and collateral costs, less a reasonable allowance for use. Under this subdivision, a reasonable allowance for use may not exceed the amount obtained by multiplying the full purchase price of the motor vehicle by a fraction, the denominator of which is 100,000 or, for a motorcycle or low—speed vehicle, 20,000, and the numerator of which is the number of miles the motor vehicle was driven before the consumer first reported the nonconformity to the motor vehicle dealer.

SECTION 8. 285.30 (5) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

285.30 (5) (c) A motor vehicle exempt from registration under s. 341.05, except that a motor vehicle owned by the United States is not exempt unless it comes under par. (a), (b), (d), (e), (f), (g) or, (h) or (j).

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Section 29. 349,237 of the statutes is created to read:

349.237 Authority to regulate operation of low-speed vehicles. The governing body of any municipality or county may by ordinance restrict the operation of low-speed vehicles on any roadway under its jurisdiction having a speed limit of 25 or less miles per hour.

(2) The governing body of a municipality or county may by ordinance designate locations for low-speed vehicles to cross a state trunk highway or connecting highway that is not a controlled-access highway. A municipality or county may erect official signs or mark a crossing designated under this subsection only as directed by

SECTION 30. 779.41 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

779.41 (2) Every keeper of a garage or repair shop who alters, repairs or does any work on any detached accessory, fitting or part of an automobile, truck, motorcycle, moped, <u>low-speed vehicle</u>, motor bicycle or similar motor vehicle or bicycle at the request of the owner or legal possessor thereof, shall have a lien upon and may retain possession of any such accessory, fitting or part until the charges for such alteration, repairing or other work have been paid. If the detached article becomes attached to such motor vehicle or bicycle while in the possession of the keeper, the keeper has a lien on the motor vehicle or bicycle under sub. (1).

SECTION 31. Effective date.

(1) This act takes effect on the day after publication.

(2) Authorize the operation of low-speed relatives upon any roadway under its jurisdiction having a speed limit of 35 miles or less per hour.